



This monthly newsletter contains information on meetings, conferences, trainings, available grants and loans, employment opportunities and miscellaneous information. Input and feedback are appreciated. For more information, contact M. Castain 415-972-3264; email castain.maria@epa.gov or visit Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/newslet.html>

United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region 9, San Francisco, California

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Tribal Program Newsletter

Meetings and Conferences

Sponsor: Natural Resources Law Center

DATE	NAME	PLACE	CONTACT INFORMATION
Jun 7-9	Climate Change and the Future of the American West: Exploring the Law and Policy Dimensions	Princeton University, NJ	nrlc@colorado.edu or http://www.colorado.edu/law/centers/nrlc/summerconference/

Sponsor: Public Water Systems, Navajo Nation

Jun 12-14	3 rd Annual Navajo Nation Drinking Water Conference	Window Rock, AZ	Valerie Spencer or Michelle K. Silver, 928-871-7755 or visit http://www.navajopublicwater.org
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Sponsor: Environmental Protection Agency


June 19-20	State and Tribal Toxics Action (FOSTTA) Tribal Affairs Project (TAP)	Samoset Resort, Rockport, ME For: Regions 1 and 2	Bob Gruenig 505-242-1975, ext. 103
Jun 27-30	Community Involvement Conference and Training	Milwaukee, WI	Register online by June 12: http://www.epa.gov/ciconference . Or call Pat Carey, 703-603-8772 email: carey.pat@epa.gov Karen L. Martin 703-603-9925 email: martin.karenl@epa.gov Chris Tirpak, 703-564-0546 email: tirpak.chris@epa.gov Lisa Gebler, 703-589-5318 email: ciconference@emsus.com
Aug 1-3	RTOC, Region 9	Elko, NV	Hillary Hecht 703-972-3790 Hecht.hillary@epa.gov
Oct 30-31	RTOC, Region 9	San Francisco, CA	Lilia Dignan 703-972-3779 or email Dignan.lilia@epa.gov
Nov 1-3	14 th Annual Tribal Conference	San Francisco, CA	Gregory Phillips 703-885-6085 or email Phillips.gregory@epa.gov

Trainings

Sponsor: Pyramid Lake Paiute and Region 9

Jul 10-13	Financial Administrative Workshop	San Diego, CA	Overman 415-972-3781 or overman.pamela@epa.gov Phillips 775-885-6055 or phillips.gregory@epa.gov Villarreal 415-972-3666 or villarreal.martha@epa.gov Ankrah 202-564-0280 or ankrah.rodges@epa.gov
Sep 19-21	Financial Administrative Workshop	Flagstaff, AZ	Same as above

Sponsor: Governor's Office of Planning and Research (California)

 Jun 12	Local and Tribal Intergovernmental Consultation: Senate Bill 18 Training Session. Senate Bill 18 pertains to both federally and non-federally recognized tribes in California.	Anderson, CA	For more information please contact Cuauhtemoc Gonzalez at 916-445-0613 or by email at cuauhtemoc.gonzalez@opr.ca.gov
Jul 14	Same as above	Redwood Valley, CA	Same as above

Sponsor: Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals at North Arizona University (ITEP/NAU)

Jun 13-16	Dataloggers (Level 3)	Las Vegas, NV	Todd Barnell, 928-523-3840 (phone); (FAX) 928 523-1266 or http://www.nau.edu/itep
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Sponsor: National Enforcement Training Institute (NETI)




Jul 11-14	CST 109 Basic Inspector Course	San Francisco CA	Zena Aldridge, 740-773-4039. Aldridge.zeno@epa.gov or http://www.netionline.com
Jul 31 - Aug. 4	CST 208 Enforcement Teamwork: Regulations to Resolutions	Lakewood, CO	Daniel Couturier at 303-236-6791 or Alice Mims at 202-564-6069 or go to http://www.netionline.com .
Sept 12-14	FED 104 Cumulative Impacts Assessment	New York, NY	http://www.netionline.com

Sponsor: Inter Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA)


Jun 5-10	Cross-Connection and Backflow Training	AZ	Deborah Patton, 602-258-4825 Locations are subject to change.
Jun 13-16	Wastewater Collection & Small Wastewater Treatment – Lagoon, Level One	AZ	Deborah Patton, 602-258-4825 Locations are subject to change.

Jul 11-14	General Module for Water and Wastewater Operators	NV	Deborah Patton, 602-258-4825 Locations are subject to change.
Jul 11-14	Wastewater Lab. Analyst – Level One	AZ	Deborah Patton, 602-258-4825 Locations are subject to change.
Jul 25-28	Wastewater Treatment-Activated Sludge – Level One	CA	Deborah Patton, 602-258-4825 Locations are subject to change.


Sponsor: Nielson Environmental Field School

 Jun 27-30	Complete Ground-Water Monitoring Field Course	San Diego, CA	info@envirofieldschool.com
 Jun 29-30	Ground Water Sampling Field Course	San Diego, CA	info@envirofieldschool.com
 Jun 27-28	Ground-Water Monitoring Well Design, Construction & Development	San Diego, CA	info@envirofieldschool.com
Jun 30	Low-Flow Purging and Sampling Field course	San Diego, CA	info@envirofieldschool.com

Sponsor: US Department of Housing and Urban Development

 Jul 11-13	Building Green: Sustainable & Innovative Design for the Tribes of the Northwest	Little Creek Casino Little Shelton, WA	For more information contact NwONAP Grants Management Division at 206-220.5270.
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Sponsor: California Area Indian Health Services

 Jul 11-13	Lift Station Operations	Sacramento, CA	David Robbins, 760 735-6891
Jul 25-27	Pumps and Pumping System, Operation & Repair (56000)	Billings, MT	David Robbins, 760-735-6891

Bill Helmich Associates Training Seminars

A brochure for training seminars is available from Bill Helmich Associates, P. O. Box 789, Sandia Park, NM 87047 505-281-9884 or visit: <http://www.billhelmichassociates.com>

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

NEPA courses provide information and skills necessary to prepare and review environmental assessments and environmental impact statements as mandated by NEPA and EPA's review and comment mandate under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act. The courses are open to newcomers to the NEPA program, associate NEPA reviewers, and environmental reviewers from other federal agencies and as a refresher course for more experienced staff. If you have any questions, call Arthur Totten 202-564-7164; fax: 202-564-0072; email: totten.arthur@epa.gov or contact the following Web site: <http://www.envirofieldschool.com>

Grants and Loans

Financial Opportunities from the Western Regional Office, Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)

EERE financial opportunities for tribes are managed by the Golden Field Office and detailed on the Tribal Energy Program Web site. This program provides financial and technical assistance to tribes for feasibility studies and shares the cost of implementing sustainable renewable energy installations on tribal lands. For more information go to: <http://www.eere.energy.gov/financing/> or <http://www.grants.gov>



Office of Homeland Security (OHS)

The California Homeland Security has about \$300M of FY 03/04 money that will be rescinded if not spent by September 30, 2006. The money must be used for emergency preparedness/response, such as breathing apparatus for fire departments and first responder equipment. A short proposal can be emailed to glenn.sadler1@us.army.mil. For more information, contact Glenn Sadler, Tribal Liaison, OHS, at 916-324-9223 (desk), 916-826-6874 (cell). Again, the deadline is September 30, 2006.

CAL EPA

The Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Award Program is the State of California's highest environmental honor. The program recognizes individuals, organizations, and businesses that have demonstrated exceptional leadership and made notable, voluntary contributions in conserving California's precious resources, protecting and enhancing our environment, and building public-private partnerships. Competition for this award is open to all California residents, businesses, non-profit organizations, professional and trade associations, communities, state and local government entities, tribes and federal agencies operating in California. Those that applied previously are welcome to apply again. For more information call 916-322-7649 or go to <http://www.calepa.gov/Awards/GEELA/2006/default.htm>. The deadline is Thursday, June 8, 1006.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Brownfield Development

HUD requests proposals for the Brownfield Economic Development Initiative (BEDI). BEDI helps local governments redevelop brownfields, which are abandoned, idled, or underutilized real property, including commercial facilities, where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by the presence or potential presence of environmental contamination. \$10 million is expected to be available, individual awards NTE \$1 million. Responses are due June 14, 2006. For more information contact Dorthera Yorkshire at Dorthera_Yorkshire@hud.gov or go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=8396>.

Rural Housing and Economic Development (RHED)

HUD requests proposals for RHED. This program supports innovative housing and economic development activities in rural areas. \$17 million is expected to be available and responses are due May 12, 2006. For more information, contact Dorthera Yorkshire at Dorthera_Yorkshire@hud.gov or go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=8403>

Healthy Homes Demonstration Program

HUD requests proposals for the Healthy Homes Demonstration Program. The purpose of this program is to develop, demonstrate, and promote cost-effective, preventive measures to correct multiple safety and health hazards in the home environment that produce serious diseases and injuries in low-income families. \$4.37 million is expected to be available and responses are due June 7, 2006. For more information, contact Dorthera Yorkshire at Dorthera_yorkshire@hud.gov or go to <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=8394>.

Lead Paint Hazard

HUD requests applications for the Lead Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program, the Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Program and the Operation Lead Elimination Action Program. \$159 million is expected to be available and responses are due June 7, 2006. For more information, go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=8383>.

Lead and Healthy Homes Technical Studies

HUD requests applications for the Lead and Healthy Homes Technical Studies programs. The purpose of these programs is to gain knowledge to improve the efficacy and cost-effectiveness of methods for evaluation and control of lead-based paint and other housing related health and safety hazards. \$5.75 million is expected to be available and responses are due June 6, 2006. For more information, contact Dorthera Yorkshire at Dorthera_Yorkshire@hud.gov or go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=8390>

Lead Outreach Program

HUD requests applications for the Lead Outreach Program. This program supports training, education and public awareness activities about childhood lead poisoning prevention and proper lead hazard identification and control methods for at risk communities and children, especially underserved populations and minorities. \$2 million is expected to be available and responses are due June 6, 2006. For more information, contact Dorthera Yorkshire at Dorthera_Yorkshire@hud.gov or go to <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=8393>.

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Water Infrastructure Funding

USDA Rural Development has water infrastructure funding available for tribes under the Native American Grants program. This year, \$16.3M is available nationwide. Eligible tribes must have a per capita income of no more than \$15,110, an unemployment rate of at least 6.25%, and a documented public health or environmental need. Click on the state office link: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/2006funding.htm> California Tribes may also call Dave Hartwell at (503) 792-5817.

Internet system gives access to soil survey information

A new interactive web soil survey site now provides public access to soils information that contributes to every aspect of public and private land use and development. This site provides critical soils information for land developers,

farmers, home buyers, and city planners. The Natural Resource Conservation Service has soils maps and data available online for more than 95 percent of the nation's counties and anticipates having 100 percent in the near future. The site will be updated and maintained online as the single authoritative source of soil survey information. To view the Web site go to <http://soils.usda.gov/survey>

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)



Local Governments Reimbursements (LGR)

The LGR program provides federal funds to local governments for costs related to temporary emergency measures conducted in response to releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances. The program serves as a "safety net" to provide supplemental funding (up to \$25,000 per incident) to local governments that do not have funds available to pay for these response actions. Eligible local governments include cities, towns, townships, counties, and federally-recognized Indian Tribes, among others. Typical incidents include transportation accidents, abandoned drums, former methamphetamine labs, chemical spills and accidents, as well as threats that any hazardous substance may be released. If local hazardous material responders incurred expenses to an incident on tribal lands or within their jurisdiction, tribes may seek cost reimbursement from the EPA within one year of the response. The Region 9 contact for the LGR program is Hedy Salter at 415-972-3046. Further information on the program can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/programs/er/lgr/index.htm>; or by calling the LGR Helpline at 800-431-9209 and asking for an application package to keep on hand. For additional information about these procedures contact Daniel Meer at 415- 972-3132 or by email at meer.daniel@epa.gov.



Clean School Bus USA - Region 5

US EPA requests proposals for Clean School Bus USA for retrofit and/or replacement projects that reduce pollution from school buses within the Region 5 states which include IL, IN, MI, MN, OH and WI. \$464K is expected to be available. Two to ten awards are anticipated. Responses are due June 16, 2006. For more information, go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=9046>



Indoor Air Quality - Region 9

US EPA requests proposals for Indoor Environments: Reducing Public Exposure to Indoor Pollutants. The goal of this solicitation is support demonstration, training, outreach and/or education projects to increase the number of people breathing healthier indoor air. Work must take place in Region 9 which consists of AZ, CA, NV, HI, GU, CNMI, and AS. \$120K is expected to be available and up to five awards are anticipated. Responses are due June 6, 2006. For more information, contact Louise Hill at (415) 947-4192 or go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=9027>.

Free Assistance for Healthy, Energy-efficient and Durable Housing

Global Green USA, a nonprofit environmental organization, has received funding from EPA Region 9 to offer assistance to tribal housing entities. The assistance will be in the form of finding ways to incorporate green building strategies into planned affordable housing developments. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Pamela Cepe at (310) 581-2700 x107 or pcepe@globalgreen.org. For more information on Green Building visit EPA's site at <http://www.epa.gov/greenbuilding> and Global Green at <http://www.globalgreen.org/programs/building.html>.

EPA Region 9 Water Infrastructure Loans Available to Tribes

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loans are innovative methods of financing a range of water quality and safe drinking water projects. Under the CWSRF & DWSRF programs, EPA Region 9 provides grants or “seed money” to the states of Arizona, California, Hawaii and Nevada to capitalize individual state CWSRF and DWSRF loan funds. The states, in turn, make loans to communities, and individuals, for high-priority water quality and drinking water activities. Tribes are also eligible to receive CWSRF and DWSRF loans from the states. The programs are managed by the states, and loans or other types of assistance for water quality and drinking water projects are distributed according to each state’s program and priorities. Eligible projects under the DWSRF include installation and replacement of failing treatment facilities, eligible storage facilities and transmission and distribution systems. Projects to consolidate water supplies may also be eligible. CWSRF loans are used to build or improve wastewater treatment plants, to develop or implement estuary improvement projects, and to implement nonpoint source pollution control activities. For more state specific information about the CWSRF and DWSRF programs, visit the U.S. EPA, Region 9 Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water>

Indian Country Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Multi-Year Cleanup Initiative

EPA Region 9 recently announced the Indian Country LUST multi-year cleanup initiative. Using LUST trust funds, EPA will pay for site assessments and cleanups on LUST sites on tribal lands. EPA has contracted a Native Alaskan-owned firm, Bristol Environmental, to assist with the work. EPA has identified more than 200 LUST sites on the lands of 17 different tribes. Further sites may be identified as the work progresses. For more information, please contact Carl Warren, UST Program Office, at (415) 972-3355 or email to: warren.carl@epa.gov

Smart Growth Implementation Assistance

The Development, Community and Environment Division in EPA’s Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation is seeking applications from communities that want to develop ways to meet environmental community goals. A team of multidisciplinary experts will provide technical assistance to communities that are selected. For more information and application materials call Mary Kay (Santore) Bailey, (202) 566-2859 or go to: http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/sg_implementation.html

Integrated Waste Management Board

The Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Programs provide funding from the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) for cleanup of illegal solid waste sites on farm or ranch property. Grants are limited to \$50,000 per cleanup or abatement project with a limit of \$200,000 per year for each eligible applicant. Only cities, counties, resource conservation districts and Native American tribes may apply. There are no specific filing dates; grant applications are accepted continuously and reviewed on a quarterly basis. General information and an application package are available on Web site: <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov> or by calling (916) 341-6316

Indian Health Service (IHS) Web-based Sanitation Deficiency System (SDS)

IHS selects tribal drinking water, wastewater, and solid waste construction projects for funding every year from their SDS list. This list is accessible on the Internet at <https://wstars.ihs.gov> through a Public Login. To review a list of tribal projects on the SDS list, including their relative ranking, select an IHS Area and run a report of the SDS one-line listing. If you know of a tribal infrastructure need that should be included on the SDS list, but is not, contact your local IHS Office of Environmental Health to learn how the list is updated for your tribe.

Housing and Community Development in California

Grants are available to cities and counties to fund housing and community development activities. Applicants that do not receive Community Development Block Grant Program funds directly from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) are eligible. Eligible activities include new construction and rehabilitation of housing, community facilities, infrastructures, and public services. A set-aside allocation of funds is awarded to projects serving Native Americans who do not belong to a federally recognized Indian tribe or Rancheria. Another set-aside of funds is awarded to non-entitlement communities (colonias) located within 150 miles of the California/Mexico border. For more information, call Allen Jones (916) 319-8402 or email ajones@hcd.ca.gov

California Bay-Delta Authority Science Grants

This program seeks to invest in projects that develop new knowledge about how water use and management activities interact with and affect key aquatic species and environmental processes across spatial and temporal scales. The geographic areas of interest are the San Francisco Bay Estuary and the Bay-Delta System. To access detailed information about this opportunity, please visit: <http://www.solicitation.calwater.ca.gov> or call the Cal Water Helpline at (877) 408-9310.

California Endowment Program

The California Endowment is pleased to offer a new Grant Application Guide for prospective applicants. Several changes have been made in application procedures to better focus resources to make lasting improvements in the health of Californians. In conjunction with the launch, The Endowment is also hosting a series of information sessions throughout the state. For more information, please go to <http://www.calendow.org> or call (800) 449-4149.

Funding Sources for Communities

A grants list of the updated version to the Funding Sources for Communities matrix can be viewed by going to the following Web address: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html>
For more information, call Jessica Counts (415) 972-3288.

Employment Opportunities



EPA, Region 9, Environmental Justice Program will be hiring one or two interns to work on environmental justice issues. Please apply at the Web site below. If you have any questions, contact Karen Henry at 415-972-3844 henry.karen@epa.gov or, go to <http://www.eco.org/site/apps/kb/cs/contactdisplay.asp?c=dnJLKPNnFkG&b=1046793&sid=arJOI5NKIfKSL5OAjIF>



The Gila River Indian Community has an opening for an Executive Director in the Department of Environmental Quality. The Executive Director coordinates the design and implementation of programs designed to maintain and improve the quality of the environment in the area of land, water, and air quality. For more information, contact the Gila River Indian Community, Human Resources Department, P. O. Box 97, Sacaton, AZ 85247 or call 520-562-6400. All applications must be received by 12:00 p.m. on June 22, 2006.



The Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California is currently looking for a Summer Environmental Specialist II student to work in the Fish and Wildlife Tribal Landowners Incentive Program. Applicant must possess a valid California or Nevada driver's license or be capable of obtaining one within thirty-days (30) of employment. A pre-employment drug screening will be given and a criminal background investigation will be conducted. For more information,

contact Marie Barry at 775-265-8682 or email at marie.barry@washoetribe.us or Jimmy Levi, Program Coordinator at 775-265-8683 or email at james.levi@washoetribe.us. Term will not exceed three months, starting in May or June 2006/

The Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe has an opening for an environmental specialist in the Tribal Environmental Protection Department. This person will develop an expertise in environmental air, water, soils, solid waste, and HAZMAT issues of the Fallon Tribe. This position will remain open until filled. Preference will be given to qualified Native Americans. For more information, email richard@environ-fpst.org or call Richard Black at 775-423-0590

The Pueblo of Acoma Game and Fish Enterprise is recruiting for positions available for the summer of 2006 and 2007. They will select 2 students who are interested in working with their program activities and helping graduate students conduct research on big game species. Accommodations will be field tents. For additional information and applications, contact Ian Tator, Wildlife Biologist at itator@skycity.com or (505) 552-9866.

The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians has the following three openings in their environmental department:

- (1) Associate Planner: This candidate will perform a variety of professional planning activities including: Review of development and land use applications, zoning, research, site plan and environmental review. Applicant must have a BA degree in city, urban or environmental planning, architecture, or a related field and two years experience in the field. Must have excellent analytical skills and written communication skills.
- (2) Planning Intern: This position is for a college student or recent graduate interested in pursuing a career in the planning, engineering or development professions. This position offers practical real-world work experience to help transition into a professional career. Knowledge of basic principles and accepted practices of urban planning, civil engineering, or related field is a requirement
- (3) Assistant Engineer: Functions include real property support, land development, engineering assessment and analyzing a wide variety of reports and planning documents. Responsible for maintenance of Engineering records and coordinating data management tasks with Tribal GIS and Planning. Must have excellent analytical skills and written communication skills. Must have a BA degree in Engineering and an EIT certificate and 1-2 years exp. in municipal or private sector land development preferred.

These positions are open until filled. If you are interested in this position please email your cover letter and resume to mgomez@aguacaliente.net or call (760)-883-1345 for more information

Miscellaneous items



National Response Center (NRC):

The NRC is the sole federal point of contact for reporting oil and chemical spills. To report a spill, contact 1-800-424-8802 or 1-202-267-2675 or visit their Web page at: <http://www.nrc.uscg.mil> and click on services and web reports. The NRC operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.



Procedures for accessing EPA resources for emergency responses to hazards materials incidents on tribal or federal lands in AZ

Call 9-1-1 first. Then notify the National Response Center at 1 800-424-8802. A tribe can also notify Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) at 602-390-7894 or 602-771-2330. If it is a transportation-related spill, call -602-223-2212 at the Arizona Department of Public Safety. In addition, local jurisdictions need to be notified of the incident. If ADEQ is unable to respond to a hazardous materials incident on tribal and federal lands, contact the National Response Center at 800-424-8802, and ask for the EPA Region 9 Duty Officer. EPA has On-Scene

Coordinators placed in San Francisco, and Los Angeles, California, and Carson City, Nevada who can provide timely response to a hazardous materials incident in Arizona.



EPA Mold Web Course

There is a new learning tool designed to help tribes learn more about preventing and removing mold. This free web course is for environmental and public health professionals. For more information, contact Louise Hill at 415-947-4192 or go to <http://www.epa.gov/mold>

Inspector Credentials

Compliance assurance in Indian country is a national EPA priority. Region 9 is working toward improvement of the capacity of tribes to implement compliance assurance and enforcement programs by providing training for tribal environmental professionals and authorizing tribal inspectors to do federal inspections. Region 9 has increased the number of authorized inspectors from 3 to 7 and has Authorization Agreements in place with Navajo Nation for the Clean Water Act (CWA) and the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), and with the Salt River-Pima Tribe for FIFRA. Additional opportunities are being developed to increase the number of credentialed tribal inspectors. For more information, please contact Angela Baranco, 415-947-4262 or baranco.angela@epa.gov.

Alameda County Computer Resource Center (ACCRC)

James Burgett, ACCRC, won an individual environmental award from EPA on April 18, 2006. His non-profit company recycles computers and gives free computers to schools, non-profits, and disadvantaged individuals. He can supply free computers to tribal members and tribal schools. However, there are some limitations to the computers. The key one is that it operates on Linux (which is free) rather than Microsoft Windows. That should not be an obstacle if someone wants to access the internet or do simple things. Desk top computers as well as notebooks are available. For more information, go to www.accrc.org or call him at 510-528-4052.

Toolkit for Schools to Help Reduce Lead in Drinking Water

The "3Ts for Reducing Lead in Drinking Water at Schools and Childcare Facilities Toolkit" contains materials to implement voluntary training and testing. EPA developed the toolkit in conjunction with non-government organizations and several federal agencies. For more information go to: <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/schools/guidance.html>

EPA Guidelines and General Guidance

A "how-to" guide for implementing EPA's Voluntary National Guidelines for Management of Onsite and Clustered (Decentralized) Wastewater Treatment Systems is final. The guide describes a step-by-step approach for the development of a community management program for decentralized wastewater systems. It includes specific community examples, gives an overview of the elements essential for sound management of these systems, and provides links to extensive resources. For more information go to: <http://cfpub.epa.gov/owm/septic/guidelines.cfm#handbook>

Sustainable Earth Initiative (SEI) designated by EPA to help government entities address environmental challenges

Oakland-based nonprofit SEI has been designated by EPA as the Region 9 Local Resource Center, providing Environmental Management Systems (EMS) development and implementation assistance to governmental entities, including cities, counties and tribal governments. EMS is a well established tool to help local governments prevent pollution, efficiently operate and improve environmental performance within their communities. SEI provides a range of services to local governments including, training, implementation

assistance and coaching. SEI co-founders Gary Lucks and Susan Sakaki offer introductory and training workshops, and related implementation assistance to tribal organizations. Call Susan Sakaki at 510-531-5377 for information on SEI. For information on the EPA program go to <http://www.peercenter.net>. For information on SEI: go to <http://www.sustainableearthinitiative.org>

National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH) and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)

NCEH and ATSDR are soliciting interested persons to serve as members on the Community Tribal Subcommittee (CTS) of the NCEH/ATSDR Board of Scientific Counselors (BSC). The BSC is chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app.). The CTS is composed of members of NCEH/ATSDR BSC and members representing community and tribal perspectives on environmental health issues. More information on NCEH can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/nceh>. Also, you may contact Leslie Campbell, toll-free 1-888-422-8737

Baseline Needs Assessment (BNA)

The BNA was prepared by the National Tribal Environmental Council and Rural Community Assistance Corporation under a grant from the EPA to the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, working in conjunction with the Region 9 Tribal Caucus and the Region 9 RTOC Drinking Water/Wastewater Subcommittee. For complete details, visit the following Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/bna/>

Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program.

The State Water Resources Control Board is inviting public comment on proposed amendments to the SRF Loan Policy. The SRF Loan Program provides low-interest loans for the construction of publicly owned wastewater treatment and water recycling facilities, correction of non-point source and storm water drainage pollution problems. The proposed amendments are intended to integrate the concept of sustainability into the SRF Policy consistent with State Water Board Resolution No. 2005-0006. The State Water Board will immediately begin accepting new applications and resume processing those applications that were previously under review. For more information, please go to: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water>

Criminal Investigation Division (CID)

Region 9's Criminal Investigation Division (CID) provides training to tribal governments on investigations of environmental crimes. CID can provide a short presentation on whom they are and what they do, or they can provide more detailed classroom training for police officers and regulators on what to look for in environmental investigations. CID can also recommend tribal officers to a two-week training for environmental investigators at the Law Enforcement Academy in Georgia. Tribes wishing to request this training should contact Pam Overman, Tribal Program Office, at 415-972-3781 or overman.pamela@epa.gov.

Community Health Air Pollution Information System (CHAPIS)

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) has developed an internet-based mapping tool that allows a look at a map to view sources of air pollution. This system makes information regarding air pollution emissions available in ways that are visual and easy to understand. The air pollutant emission information contained in CHAPIS is for general information. Please consult your local air district for the most recent data available for specific facilities. The CARB should be contacted regarding mobile source emissions. For more information, visit: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/ch/chapis1/chapis1.htm>

Web sites for tribal programs and other federal programs

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/consultation-approach-signed-memo.pdf>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/consultation-approach-final.pdf>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/consultation-approach-exhibit-a.pdf>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/consultation-approach-exhibit-b.pdf>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/consultation-approach-exhibit-c.pdf>
<http://www.nativeseeds.org/v2/default.php>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html>
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